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Lupus Today is a scientific conference on the current status and future directions of research and treatment for systemic lupus erythematosus.

This conference will highlight key research accomplishments and what they may represent for the current and future management of lupus. National leaders in lupus research have been invited to discuss the latest scientific discoveries that are opening up new avenues for diagnosis and treatment. In addition, the agenda will include a panel discussion on patient participation in lupus studies and how patients and patient advocacy organizations view lupus research today. Another panel will focus on future lupus clinical trial opportunities and barriers from both the private and public health perspectives. The organizers of this conference hope to inform, energize and share the excitement about the future of lupus research with patients and their families, physicians, health care workers, scientists, and organizations that are involved in lupus research and outreach.

September 5

I. A Lupus Primer

II. Lupus Today

This session will present how lupus affects patients of different ages and populations, current clinical diagnostics, and treatments used today in lupus. Speakers will present cutting-edge research on the basic mechanisms of the disease and how the new information may translate into new treatments.

III. What It Means to Be a Patient with Lupus Today

This session consists of a panel discussion on the challenges patients face today and how they cope. The panelists will also look at the role of advocacy groups and the information available on patient participation and patient rights and protections in clinical trials.

September 6

IV. Research Into Action

This session will concentrate on:

Diagnostics—Speakers will present emerging technologies and how they are being applied to the development of new diagnostic tools for lupus.

Clinical Trials—Speakers will describe current clinical trials in lupus. Each will include a basic overview of the disease mechanisms on which the intervention is thought to work and the outcomes to be measured.

V. Research Into the Future

This session will focus on a panel presentation and discussion of the opportunities for new trials, and discussion of obstacles and possible solutions for expanding current clinical trials in lupus.

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